

Water Quality Division

HIGHLIGHTS FY 1998-99

- **100% Compliance:** Continue 100% compliance for all primary drinking water regulations
- **Legislative/Regulatory:** Continue legislative and regulatory activities, especially relating to the implementation of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments and the proposed Stage II of the DBP Regulation.
- **Water Quality Outreach:** Develop programs to improve outreach and heighten awareness of water quality including surveys, focus groups, regular videos, and a coordinated pilot program with the Member Agencies and to outreach to the medical and various ethnic communities.
- **Consumer Satisfaction:** Improve consumer satisfaction and demonstrate the high quality of Metropolitan's water as evidenced by being named the best tasting tap water in the US in the "Toast of the Tap" contest.
- **MTBE:** Implement action plan to control methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), including development of occurrence data and treatment options for MTBE
- **Perchlorate:** Implement action plan to control perchlorate, including perchlorate contamination of source and treated waters
- **Cryptosporidium Analyses:** Continue Cryptosporidium methods development including patent commercialization acquiring additional grants, and providing fee-for-service analyses for member agencies.
- **CRW Desalination Partnership:** Implement partnership with Edison International, Electric Power Research Institute and AWWARF for breakthrough technology for Colorado River Water Desalination.
- **Bay-Delta Water Quality:** Develop water quality objectives for the Bay-Delta CALFED process with other California Urban Water Agencies.
- **Revenue Generation:** Continue pursuit of revenue generation for microbiology, chemistry, purification, and lab support services.
- **Partnership for Safe Water:** Continue participation in the Partnership for Safe Water, a volunteer initiative with U.S. EPA to control Cryptosporidium and other waterborne pathogens.
- **DBP Reduction:** Complete the Demonstration-Scale ozone/peroxone testing to develop operational and to prevent biological regrowth, minimize disinfection byproducts, and training for ozone operations.
- **Cryptosporidium Action Plan:** Complete the Cryptosporidium Action Plan with recommendations on treatment optimization and disinfection, including evaluation of innovative options.
- **ICR:** Continue sample collection, analysis, and data on disinfection byproducts and pathogens for the Information Collection Rule (ICR).

Existing Member Agency Workgroups	Interest (1 to 5)	Comments
Chemical Monitoring Reform		
Chloramine/Nitrification Training		
Crypto Action Plan		
M.A. Chloramine Residual Workgroup		
Perchlorate Workgroup		
Quality Assurance		
Source Water Reservoir Management		
Proposed Member Agency Workgroups	Interest (1 to 5)	
W.Q. Emergency Response Task Force		
Information dissemination (Reports, Articles)		
Laboratory fee-for-service activities		
Outreach		
Technology Transfer/Joint Research		
Training		

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Additional Comments:
